

SAMPLE LETTER

July 16, 2008

Assemblymember Mike Eng
State Capitol, Room 6025
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RE: Support for AB 2565

Dear Assemblymember Eng:

On behalf of _____, I am writing to express my strong support of AB 2565. This bill requires general acute care hospitals to adopt a policy to provide families or next of kin with a reasonably brief amount of time to pay their final respects to their loved ones after they have been declared brain dead. In addition, hospitals would be required to make necessary cultural, religious, or spiritual arrangements before a patient is removed from life support.

Currently, there are no statewide statutes in place to specify how much time hospitals and doctors must afford families or next of kin for a final visit before a patient is removed from life support. Although most, if not all, hospitals have some kind of policy in place, those policies differ from one hospital to the next.

We are pleased to support AB 2565 so that all families and next of kin are given the opportunity to bid their final farewells in a respectful and humane manner.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name and Title

Organization

Address

Telephone Number / email address